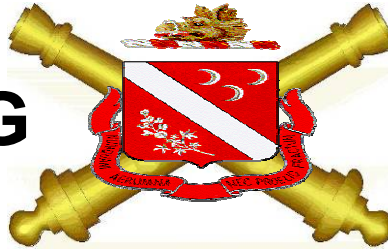


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Never Broken



Lightning 6 Comments...

Team Lightning Family,

Well, the first month of Iraqi freedom has passed and we continue to make tremendous progress in sector. TF Lightning continues to focus on providing security in the Bayji and Ash Sharqat areas, while training the Iraqi Security Forces, so that we can transition overall security operations to them. HHB/1-7 is doing tremendous work in building a trained, disciplined and cohesive Iraqi National Guard (ING) to assume these responsibilities, while C/1-7 works with the International Police Agency (IPA) to train and equip the Iraqi National Police (INP). A/1-7 has modified their task organization to include an artillery firing platoon that now provides reinforcing fires from here at FOB Summerall, while two platoons operate from ASP Tinderbox, in the northern portion of our sector, under the command and control of 1SG Jacobs. SVC/1-7 (the unsung heroes) continues to conduct combat support operations for the task force. They are the key to keeping this well oiled machine in motion. B/1-7 continues split-based lethal fires operations at FOB Remagen and FOB Paliwoda in support of TF 1-77 and 9E. Some changes to our task organization since last month...B/1-4 CAV, who spent nearly 90 days with us, conducted onward movement back to the Squadron at FOB McKenzie for future operations in sector. The "Bulldawgs" accomplished their mission here with great successes and will be sorely missed. The TF S5 and Civil Affairs team continue to produce quality statements of work and projects to improve the infrastructure of our cities.

We suffered another loss in TF Lightning this month. On a hot afternoon, 24 July 2004, 1/C/1-7 was conducting a combat patrol while escorting the daily strategic fuel convoy. Specialist Nicholas Zangara and his "Cobra" brothers had conducted this mission numerous times over the past six months, but on this day, while driving the long stretch of Highway One, an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) unexpectedly exploded-- sending shrapnel from the IED towards the vehicle and taking the life of this young, vibrant and dedicated "Lightning" Soldier. On 24 July 2004, we ALL lost another hero from "our team". In the same incident, SPC Andre Gatson received shrapnel to the hand and was wounded. SPC Gatson is on Convalescent Leave, with Delta Battery. On 29 July 2004, while conducting a combat patrol in Bayji, 2/C/1-7 came under enemy fire. The patrol returned fire and wounded four of the gunman, all of whom were later detained. In the exchange of fire, SPC John Pirinelli was wounded in action. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the families of both of these great Americans!

The task force continues to amaze me and CSM Sanders everyday --focused, dedicated, confident, professional and a team of teams that I am proud to be associated with. Rest assured that we are also proud of your accomplishments and realize that this mission success includes your overwhelming successes. We thank you for what you do everyday!! I hope that you are all enjoying the summer!! The Rear Detachment team is a blessing to us all and we could not be prouder of what the "Dragons" and the FRGs do for us and the Schweinfurt community! You set the standard for all in the division.

We recently completed a transition for a majority of the officers in the unit. C/1-7 conducted a change of command between CPTs Bill Kirby and Mike Byard. CPT Kirby returned to the division G3 shop where he will complete OIF II. We will greatly miss Bill and Jessica, you were a super command team, and we thank you for all that you accomplished for the “Cobras” and the battalion. MAJ Skaggs is moving on to a new assignment at TRADOC Headquarters in Virginia. MAJ Skaggs performed stalwart work as Lightning 3 and we wish him and LTC Steele best wishes and God speed in your next assignments.

We welcome MAJ Stan Moss and his wife Ann; MAJ Moss has been the BCT FSO and will now serve as Lightning 3. We also welcome CPTs Jason Campbell and Kyle Knotts who recently arrived from the G3 shop. They are both Battle CPTs in the TOC.

R&R is in full swing and we are doing extremely well in trying to meet our goal of 100%. The FMPP improves with every iteration and is a critical tool to assist us in fighting complacency.

I again, thank you for the sacrifices that you and your families make in support of our mission. I would ask you to focus on the “positive” of what we are accomplishing, we are making a difference and this can be seen on the faces of smiling Iraqi’s everyday. Thank you for your unending display of support and caring – we thank you for what you do!!! All gave some, but some gave all!!!

LTC Kyle M. McClelland—Commander, Task Force 1-7

Lightning 7 Comments...

Family and Friends,

I would like to take this time to thank you, the unspoken hero; our loved ones, left behind, who have now become self supportive. This deployment has touched everyone and has changed our lives. We are no longer the same people. Many of you have gotten into your own rhythm with your children, your household projects, and your other daily activities. The Task Force 1-7 Command Group would like to take this time to thank you for the scarifies you have made for your country. Without your love and support, this mission would not be the success it has been.

The newly remodeled gym has opened. Soldiers like 1SG Cromartie, SSG Shiriashi, and SPC Diaz accomplished this feat. There were many that dedicated hours to making this happen. The gym will be open 7 days a week from 0600-2400 and managed by Task Force 1-7 soldiers.

We have also completed the new conference room. This facility is not just for meetings; it will also serve as the Chapel and movie theater, on Saturday nights. Several creative Task Force 1-7 Soldiers, like SFC Cortes and SGT Windle, designed and built the room.

We are also currently working on the new Task Force MWR Center. This will be dedicated in memory of SPC Zangara, of Charlie Company. When complete, it will have pool tables, 4x Playstation game consoles w/ 21” TVs, dart boards, a big screen TV w/ AFN, a ping pong table, game and card tables, a food stand, and a complete home theater package. Once completed it will be open 7 days a week from 1300-2400 hours. If anyone wishes to make donations, we are looking for magazines of all types, Playstation games, and game boards. Please address it to CSM Wayne Sanders at Task Force 1-7, FOB Summerall.

Again we are making great efforts to make the quality of life better for our soldiers. To the Task Force families, loved ones, and friends, thanks for your continued support.

Command Sergeant Major Wayne L. Sanders —CSM Task Force 1-7

		
<p>If you are interested in either of these trips, please see the Lightning Bolt online. The website address is www.schweinfurt.army.mil/17.</p>		



Alpha Company Comments...



"More Changes and More Success"

The month of July has brought with it higher temperatures, higher operational tempo and even higher levels of success. The Steel Knights are continuing to successfully execute the difficult mission of defeating Anti-Iraqi Forces and conducting Stability and Support operations simultaneously. These difficult missions could not be executed without great leadership and steadfast commitment of every Soldier in the company. Everyone is doing their part to continue the success of the Steel Knights. From SSG Shorts and the maintenance crew, to SGT Pippen handling the entire company's communications equipment problems, to SFC Macher executing security missions from our new platoon-operating base called Tinderbox, everyone is dedicated to the success of our mission.

Let's start with the changes that have occurred in the last month. Our Scout platoon led by SFC Macher and 1LT Ebert moved north of FOB Summerall to a smaller facility called Tinderbox. They are continuing their highway security mission under a little more austere living conditions. However, they are without a doubt eating the best food around which is provided by a small civilian contractor who makes everything from eggs to order to steak at night. Another change dealing with Soldiers' living conditions is the opening of FOB Summerall's new dining facility. This facility is run by Kellogg Brown and Root (KBR) and serves hot meals 4 times a day. The food is good, healthy and above all they serve ice cream!

The last month has also shown First Sergeant and I some truly courageous acts by dedicated leaders of this company. Our Infantry Platoon, the "Outlaws" came to the rescue of Charlie Company when they were running low on ammunition and water during a dangerous firefight in downtown Bayji. Bravery, courage, discipline, and valor are all words used to describe the actions taken by all the Soldiers of Charlie Company and the Outlaws during this firefight. SSG McTaggart, SGT Reams, SSG Colleary and 1LT St. Clair were just a few of the valorous Soldiers who put their own lives in danger to help retake the offensive with their deadly and accurate suppressive fires. We all should be proud of our brave Soldiers who are dedicated to a mission much greater than most understand.

Lastly the Outlaws again made a huge score by finding and uncovering over 1000 buried rockets and mortar shells in a large cache. These are the type of bombs that could have been used to make IEDs. It was the disciplined and detailed actions of the Soldiers on the ground that allowed us to find all these weapons and destroy them. The Battalion Commander recognized SSG Collearly with the Battalion "Play of the Week" for his great instincts in finding the buried weapons cache.

The Soldiers morale remains high throughout the company. The R&R and FMPP programs are running well and giving all our Soldiers a well-deserved break. Our mail days continue to be bountiful and bring smiles to everyone's faces. Thanks again. Please keep your heads high and your hearts strong. You are all in our prayers and thoughts. We will be together again soon.

Respectfully,

CPT Deric Holbrook
First Sergeant Roger Jacobs

A Day in the Life of Shadow Platoon

2/A/TF 1-7

As the dawn breaks over the limitless desert horizon, the subtle radiance reveals the familiar silhouette of U.S. HMMWVs moving intently down a stretch of rural highway. This image depicts the determined mission of the men of shadow platoon, ensuring the security of a critical 41 kilometer section of MSR Tampa (Highway 1) that provides the crucial link between Division boundaries. The impact of this meticulous patrol is as impressive as its variance of methods. It can be felt in the actions of CPL Scholfield and SPC Kealoua removing destroyed tire fragments from the road, or PFC Hlbensky on a mounted OP steadily scanning for suspicious activity through the focused lenses of the LRAS³, SPC Ripsam and PFC Jeadrik intensely searching vehicles for contraband at an established TCP, or PFC Duran moving the unfortunate remains of deceased animals which could be used to conceal lethal IEDs. After several hours, the patrol withdraws from the highway; its encompassing efforts leave behind a safer sector for further allied patrols and encourage a rare sense of stabilization in a tumultuous land.

As the sun ascends high amidst the vast Iraqi sky, the heat begins to intensify to temperatures surpassing 100 degrees, but the morning's mission is not yet complete. The platoon continues past the gates of the FOB and embarks on a 30 minute detour to the village of Khanuga located in the outskirts of the sector. This follow-on operation is not tactically essential to the units' mission, but it promotes an enduring human connection, one that defines the basic altruistic nature of mankind. As the HMMWVs enter the stone boundaries of the village, clouds of dust spin into the air announcing the presence of American forces. Within seconds, children from all corners of the village begin sprinting after the patrol. As the platoon halts outside the house of the local sheik, the squad leader SSG Rojo dismounts and swiftly directs the position of each vehicle for optimum security. Upon dismounting themselves, the soldiers are immediately encircled by the curious children, most of whom having never seen Americans before. The language barrier is quickly overcome by the use of primitive hand signals and the occasional "mister, mister" to maintain the soldiers' attention. The circles of children suddenly turn into a small riot as team leaders, SGT Macinnes and SGT Bolden begin to open boxes filled with donated clothes, toys, candy and simple school supplies. As the children contend wildly for the bestowed gifts, soldiers such as SPC Harney and PV2 Squires ensure even the smaller children are not left out by hand delivering stuffed animals. Their efforts are rewarded with immense smiles and a permanent impression of gratitude.

The impact of shadow's generosity is reciprocated just as intently in the optimistic perspective of the Khanuga people. Despite the obvious poverty of the village and the accompanying infrastructure challenges, the sheik and local elders assert they have no significant issues and express an opinion of unwavering hope. They graciously offer tea and cold water as they ask questions of America and talk about their own families with beaming pride. After the conversations subside, the patrol departs the village, leaving behind a trail of waving children, and also taking away a powerful outlook of optimism in the face of the world's harsh realities. A positive experience such as this is too often lost in the flood of brutal images and graphic suffering capriciously strewn across the worldwide media, but in it quite possibly lies the key to the future of Iraq.

Jason M. Ebert
1LT, FA
Shadow 6



BRAVO BATTERY COMMENTS...

Bravo Bulls



Greetings to the Ragin' Bull family from the burning sands of Iraq. I would like to start off by saying thanks to the family and friends of the Soldiers of Bravo. Your support from abroad is paramount to our successes in the Sunni Triangle. All the Soldiers of the Bull Pen can't express our gratitude enough for all the support we have received while in country.

Bravo battery has just recently expanded as an additional firing platoon from 30th Brigade of the North Carolina National Guard was attached. We welcome the platoon from Thomasville, NC and look forward to having them adding to the lethal fire power and excellence of the Bulls.

July was a very busy month for the Bulls as the heat tried to complicate the missions. The heat was on average around 120 degrees but the discipline and physical fitness of the soldiers has ward off all heat casualties thus far. This definitely can be attributed to the outstanding job of our NCOs taking care of Soldiers. We continue to provide first class Field Artillery fires throughout the 2BCT sector while in addition maintaining our combat patrols, maintenance, guard duties, and life support tasking. Also the sections are gearing up for the Best Section competition that will take place this quarter during Section Certification. The soldiers remain highly motivated as we continue to have one of the most diversified missions of the Task Force.

In addition to maintaining our mission the Bulls have been busy showing off its physical prowess. At the recent 4th of July Freedom Day events the battery was always at the front. During the first event, the 5K Run, our guidon finish ahead of the rest of the Task Force and set the tone for the rest of the day. We missed winning the Commander's Cup by less than 2 points. Our Soldiers gave all they had in the high temperatures and showed what teamwork was all about.

There are some congratulations that are due. SGT Bishop and his wife, Diana, gave birth to a healthy baby boy, Devin James, and they're both doing great. SSG Pincay won the NCO of the Month for TF 1-77 and PFC Helwig won Soldier of the Month for TF 1-77. The following Soldiers were given more responsibility with recent promotions:

CPL Wooden
SPC Looft
SPC San Miguel
PFC Holloway
PFC Martinez

The final congratulation goes to the Battery FRG and Rear Detachment. We thank you all for the hard work and for helping us to stay focus on our wartime mission. I ask that each family member and friends of the battery to continue to support the FRG and Rear Detachment as they continue to provide comfort to the minds of the soldiers in Iraq by providing world class service in the rear.

In closing, I ask that you all continue to keep us and all the soldiers in harm's way in your prayers. We realize that this deployment is just as hard on you as it is on us. I ask that you continue to have fun but to think safety at all times.

ERIC GRAHAM
CPT, FA
Commanding

HAROLD CARTER
1SG, USA
First Sergeant

CHARLIE COMPANY COMMENTS...



Dear Cobra Family,

Greetings from Bayji, Iraq! This is my first letter as the Cobra Commander, and I am honored to have assumed command of such an incredibly talented, well trained, and combat tested company. The men of Cobra have done a great job on a daily basis working with the Bayji Police Department providing security for civilian and military traffic along the main highway. We are also accomplishing our primary mission of finding and capturing terrorists within our sector. You can all be very proud of your husbands and friends for their performance in this unforgiving environment.

Unfortunately, tragedy has struck our company once again taking the life of one of our dearest brothers, SPC Nicholas J. Zangara, and injuring SPC Andre Gatson. Both men worked tirelessly in Second Platoon and their absence will be missed daily. On 27 July 2004 we conducted a respectful and emotional memorial service for SPC Zangara. His contributions to the unit and each of our lives will be remembered forever. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his beloved wife Melanie, and family back in the United States.

In a separate incident, terrorists ambushed First Platoon, wounding SPC John Pirinelli. Following the attack, true to their spirit, the Cobras found the terrorists and brought them in for justice to be served. Our prayers are with our departed, and our two wounded Cobras for a safe and speedy recovery.

Our soldiers have achieved individual success recently. The Company continues to impress all who visit and conduct joint operations in Bayji. The USAEUR Command Sergeant Major, Division and Brigade Commanders, all visited the company on different occasions. Each highly praised the

men for their tactical knowledge, high motivation, and dedication to the mission here in Iraq. A special recognition goes out to 1SG Grinston, and all the platoon sergeants, SFC Ireland, SFC Bell, SFC Ogle, SFC Hardin, SSG Schuck, and SSG Maddux for their outstanding performances every day. Their hard work is not unnoticed and is extremely appreciated. With that said, I want to thank each of the family members for all of the love and support for the Cobras. We know we could not be as successful as we are without you behind us.

Finally, I want to recognize some individuals for promotions and achievements. For Promotions: Congratulations to SGT Martinez, SGT Domingo, and SGT Pickens from Fourth Platoon (A/1-26 IN); SGT Pierre, SPC Gutierrez, SPC Donahue, PFC Nance, PFC Patton from Third Platoon; SPC Simms from HQs Platoon. For Achievement: Congratulations to 1SG Grinston for receiving the Bronze Star Medal with Valor, SPC Wagaski and SPC Simms for receiving the Army Commandation Medal with Valor (Presented by the 1st ID Commanding General). Many additional awards have been submitted for our warriors and I look forward to their approval. A very special congratulations goes out to the Nygaard family for their newest arrival. Alan Julian was born at 0605 on 30 July 2004. He is a wonderful addition to the Cobra family.

We are working hard to increase the safety here in Bayji, and are extremely successful in completing our missions here one day at a time. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer, hopefully in much cooler climates than Iraq.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. BYARD
Captain, U.S. Army
Commanding



The city of Schweinfurt would like to sponsor children, between ages 6-9 years old, on a trip to the Playmobil land park. The Lord Mayor has offered this program as a show of support for our community, while our Soldiers are deployed. The trip will be 12 August and the first 45 children to sign up will get to go. The transportation and entrance fee to the park are free. The community point of contact is Ms. Silvia Joiner, at 09721-966270.

HHB COMMENTS...



July has been another very busy month for the Hurricanes. We have been actively improving the Bayji area by making sturdy and defensible checkpoints for the Iraqi National Guard and Iraqi Police. Building these concrete monsters has only been possible by working directly with the Iraqis, outside units, and the heavy haulers for the battalion, Service Battery. The teamwork displayed by our soldiers during these challenging construction projects has been outstanding and extremely effective. We have accomplished this on top of our many other missions, including running the TOC, ALOC, CMIC, Aid Station, Mortars, TF Engineers, Battery Maintenance, Commo, Supply, and Command Post. The First Sergeant and I have visited with Brigade FSE and 1-18 FSE this month, all the troops are all positive and doing great things in support of the mission.

The Iraqi National Guard Liaison Team (Tsunami) has continued to excel in training the local Armed Forces how to conduct autonomous operations. They have trained our Iraqi counterparts the basics of conducting raids, convoy operations, and route security. We have continued this success by incorporating trained Iraqi soldiers into our missions and patrols. We are building an Independent Iraqi Army to take over for Coalition Forces when we leave. Tsunami has recently welcomed their new Executive Officer, 1LT Sean Lambert who is a strong addition to the team. We would like to also recognize SGT Fisher for his outstanding work with creating an Iraqi medical team, and for getting his picture into USA Today, we are even trying to overlook that it is a picture of an Iraqi Soldier kissing him.

Congratulations to SPC Watson, SPC Busha, SPC Morrison, and PFC Hane for their recent promotions. The following soldiers each received a Battery Command Team Coin in recognition of their exceptionally hard work and dedication during this operation: PFC Brown (Commo), SPC Pemberton (CSE), and SGT Windle (TOC). Finally recognition goes out to the Task Force Engineers (Sappers), the Sappers came to us for 9th Engineers and have conducted one of the heaviest workloads in the Task Force. They risk their lives to protect others on a daily basis by clearing roadways of explosive and finding and destroying caches of ammunition. In addition to the dangerous work they do they continue to make FOB Summerall a better place to live and work through building and improving our facilities.

Around the Hurricane Pad we continue to maintain and improve, we have welcomed our new Battery Executive Officer, 1LT Steve Moeller this month who has improved our ammunition holding facility and spearheaded the pack-up and sealing of the first MILVAN in preparation for redeployment. The KBR DEFAC is complete and operational, the weight room has been rebuilt, with new air conditioning, and the TOC has been expanded again, adding a new briefing room (thanks, SGT Windle). Thank you to all the families, friends, and our dedicated FRG for giving each of our soldiers the support they need to continue this mission. The morale boost that we get from mail, packages, email, phone calls, and pictures cannot be measured by any means. The impact of our support structure has an enormous affect on the daily lives of our soldiers, THANK YOU and please keep it up!

Ride the Storm!!

BRIAN D. VAUGHAN
CPT, FA
Commanding

HURRICANES!

HOWARD C. PATRICK
1SG, USA
First Sergeant



SVC BATTERY COMMENTS...



To The Serpent Family,

Team Serpent continues to provide logistical support to the task force as we continue to restore peace in the Salah Ad Din Province. The soldiers are receiving missions that are more diverse and they are completing those missions with exceptional results. Team Serpents has conducted over 200 logistical patrols since 14 March, which include parts pickup for maintenance, ammunition pickup, detainee transfer and a variety of missions that keeps the task force going.

We would like to thank all of the organizations that have supported us up to this point. There has been a variety of things received to include care packages for soldiers, letters from supporters, personalized dog tags with pictures of choice, and even my favorite girl scout cookies!!

Below is a letter written by SPC Kiepler from the battalion maintenance platoon. He is one of the bright stars of the platoon and he is attempting to write about a normal day on FOB Summerall.

When I was approached for a favor, my suspicions rose dramatically. "Favors" are usually referred as such due to the lack of desire for anyone to do them. This favor was to write an article that would represent the Battalion Maintenance Platoon of Service Battery Task Force 1-7, so it was a hard favor to decline. Believe me, I tried.

I knew that it would be a hard task to accurately portray a uniquely diverse group: task force's recovery assets (wheel and track), the generator shop, welding shop, and PLL. I'm personally in the last group, and I was told to write a day in my life on FOB Summerall. However, how would that truly represent the platoon when I only do a quarter of what we do as a whole? It wouldn't.

The recovery teams work on vehicles during the day and sometimes through the night in order to keep the battery as fully mission capable as possible. It is long hours, which can be thankless, but they do it all the same. During this time, they're on-call to recover vehicles and equipment on yet more often off the FOB. Since they do so many things around here, they don't have a usual day to write about.

The generator and welding shops have been busier than ever before since our arrival at the FOB. Between them, they've fixed most of the generators in the task force (and on the FOB for that matter), up-armored vehicles for the safety of the soldiers and civilians on the FOB, fixed the electricity of our building on numerous occasions, and most recently, fixed the FOB water pump preventing a FOB-wide water shortage. They might have done more for the betterment of the task force than any one section here, but people will certainly

debate that due to pride in their own sections; note: it isn't my section I'm talking about though. They do so many different things around the FOB that naming a few could not explain how much they do nor could it show what a typical day around here is for them.

PLL has been extremely busy supporting the other sections as well as all of the maintenance within the task force. Vehicles, weapons, communications, and many other forms of equipment are maintained by the parts ordered by them and through the records kept by them. The combat logistical patrols, which are supported by the rest of the platoon, travel throughout Iraq to get parts and drop off parts to support our task force and others. There is little chance of a standard day with day on / day off combat logistical patrols.

Battalion Maintenance handles so many job-related tasks without the mention of the many supporting details that come up on a daily basis: water detail, the local national store, and the task force holding cell detail just to name a few. The tasks keep coming, and the platoon takes care of them as best we can. In addition, the platoon has spearheaded the project to get a Battery MWR facility. We have been busy, and we still are, but we need a place for the few breaks we get.

It would be hard to find a status quo for a section; it becomes impossible at platoon level. There is no standard day, there are no Sundays, there are just days till we go home, and there are too many of those. However, each nonstandard day brings it that much closer. A typical day is anything but around here, so I can't provide one; that's first thing I haven't been able to supply the task force.

Since the last update there have been a couple of new people that have come to the battery. 1LT Mark Larson is the new Battery Executive Officer. He comes from Bravo Battery and he is motivated to be in Service Battery. 1LT Steve Johnson is the new Battalion Ammunition Officer and he is from Charlie Battery. These two officers will excel and do great things for the battery. I would like to thank 1LT Jason Ebert, 1LT Greg Seng along with his wife Kelly for tireless hard work and efforts they have committed to Service Battery. You will be missed and the battery hopes that you continue to excel.

This month we had a soldier get promoted from each platoon. That is great stuff!! Congratulations go to SGT Ayala, SPC Cintron, SPC Farmer, and SPC Maldonado. These soldiers are doing great things for the battery and their promotions are well deserved.

I cannot close unless I thank the spouses, girlfriends and supporters of the battery. Your efforts and support are clearly noticed and it is definitely, what keeps the battery going. 1SG and I cannot thank you enough for what you have done.

SERPENTS!!!

CHRISTOPHER A. WASHINGTON
CPT, FA
Commanding

MARVIN C. CROMARTIE
1SG, USA
First Sergeant

DELTA BATTERY COMMENTS...



This has been another incredibly busy month for the First Lightning Family and the Schweinfurt Community. As I mentioned in the last newsletter article, we had great participation from each FRG, to support the hamburger stand at the Community Independence Day Celebration. Again, thank you to all who participated. The FRGs raised \$300 at that event.

A heart felt thank you is in order for the Schweinfurt Spouses Club. The club donated \$150 to the Battalion FRG. The donation will be split equally over each battery.

Delta Battery has also had a very busy month. The first highlight for us was our debut on Big Red Radio. The battery ran the 90 minute show on 13 July. SGT Garcia, a former Disc Jockey in Austin, and SPC Merkel, a wounded Soldier from Bravo Battery, both spoke on the show about their experiences in Iraq. SGT Garcia participated in OIF I with the 101st and recently PCS'd to the First Lightning Battalion. SPC Merkel was wounded in action when a mortar round exploded about 5 meters from his location. Both Soldiers did an outstanding job representing the battery and battalion.

Delta Battery continued to support the battalion forward through training and deploying new Soldiers, redeploying Soldiers wounded in action, and rebuilding the battalion area. Four new Soldiers deployed and four wounded Soldiers redeployed on 27 July. In addition, three other Soldiers attended training in preparation for deployment; they will fly on 07 August. Further, we won a \$150,000 project to refurbish the battalion area and we recently found \$9000 to paint the motorpool. We are slowly attaining our goal of making the battalion area a better, more professional work environment. We have received a lot of help from LTC Manning, MAJ Otto, and especially Mr. Justin Mitchell toward attaining these goals. As an aside, we bid farewell to LTC Manning this month. He is PCSing to Vicenza, Italy. LTC Manning has been a very strong supporter of the rear-detachments, and his help will not be forgotten.

On a sad note, Delta Battery and the Schweinfurt Community conducted a Memorial Service for SPC Nicholas Zangara, of Charlie Company. I would like to thank all of those Soldiers and families who supported the service. I would also like to thank SGT LaFrance, of Charlie Company, for sharing his comments about SPC Zangara. The "Friends Comments" portion of the memorial ceremony truly adds a more human dimension to the service. SGT LaFrance did an outstanding job. SPC Zangara's funeral is on Monday, 02 August. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers. Delta Battery's SGT Garcia will attend the funeral, as the Battalion representative, at the request of the Zangara family.

As always, we ask that you remember the battery when and if you ever need anything. We are here to support the unit forward and its most precious resource, the families. Our phone number is 09721-96-6484 (from the German economy), 011-49-9721-96-6484 (from the United States), or 354-6484 (DSN).

Victory for our Troops - Victory for our Families!

Dragons!

MATTHEW LENNOX
CPT, FA
Commanding

W. LEE EBBS
1SG, USA
First Sergeant

The Delta Battery NCOs are sponsoring a Boys Day Out on 30 August. We are inviting all sons of First Lightning Soldiers, regardless of Battery, ages 5 and up to participate. We will have a day of men going out and doing what men do: having fun and spending time together. The event will start about 10 am and end about 4 or 5 pm. Mothers are welcome to hang out for the day, if they choose. We are currently exploring different options for the day's activities. We encourage all Spouses and boys to contribute their ideas. If you would like to join us for a great time, please call 1SG Ebbs or SSG Monge at the Staff Duty, 09721-96-6484.

Family Notes

- 1. U.S. POSTAL SERVICE OFFERS FREE BOXES** - The U.S. Postal Service offers a program in which you can telephonically order free boxes, packing materials, tape and mailing labels plus all the forms to send items to your military spouse down range. The service can be initiated by telephone and takes about 3 minutes. Family and friends in the United States simply call 1-800-610-8734. A recorded voice will take the caller through a short menu, and then they will be transferred to a live operator who will take their address information. To use the service in Germany, dial Telekom prefix 01024 before the toll free number (from a regular German telephone at your economy or housing quarters, dial 01024-001-800-610-8734). The phone call will not be completely toll-free; however, the cost will be around 5 cents per minute, and will show up on your regular phone bill. Finally, you can use the website, supplies.usps.com. Do not put www in front of the address, use it as it appears.
- 2. PRAY FOR 1ID.COM** - If you would like to submit a prayer for someone in 1st Infantry Division who is serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom, go to the Pray for 1ID.com Web site at <http://www.prayfor1id.com/> and see what they have to offer. Pray for IID.com is nondenominational prayer-concern Web site established to facilitate 24-hour prayer coverage for service members, their families, civilian employees and anyone else associated with Operation Iraqi Freedom who needs to be lifted up in prayer. The site offers a Suggested Prayer Schedule, Prayer Topics and a place to Sign Up to Pray (and they fully understand that everyone may pray in a different manner).
- 3.** If you lost a camera, in the gym the night of the deployment, please see contact Staff Duty at 09721-96-6484.
- 4.** You can find a complete list of July MWR events in this months issue of the Lightning Bolt, online. The website address is: www.schweinfurt.army.mil/17



If you have any suggestion, questions, or feedback to improve this newsletter, please feel free to contact CPT Lennox, DSN 354-6484 or email matthew.lennox@cmtymail.98asg.army.mil.

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3-Country Express

Switzerland, Lichtenstein and Austria

6 – 8 August 2004

US\$ 95

ITINERARY (subject to change)

1st Day: 9 p.m. departure from Schweinfurt, Ledward Barracks., USO Building. 9:45 p.m. from Wuerzburg, Leighton Barracks, Dental Clinic parking lot. Overnight travel to **Switzerland**.

2nd Day: Breakfast en route (not included) and a chance to freshen up, before we start our day in **Brienz**, a town of woodcarvers situated on a clear Swiss lake. We have time, of course, to shop for wood carvings. Then we drive to the heart of Switzerland, the area where the first Swiss Confederation was formed in 1291. We stop in **Lucerne**, one of the most beautiful cities, with its famous **Chapel Bridge** decorated with medieval paintings. We also see the **Lion Monument** and pass by the huge **Swiss Transport Museum**. You have time for a cruise on **Lake Lucerne**, a crystal lake surrounded by mountains. A short drive and we reach the tiny principality of **Lichtenstein**. You have time to stroll through its capital, **Vaduz**, for a look at the **Prince's Palace** and his famous **vineyards**, and you may join us for a trip to the holiday resort **Malbun** - where royalty and the international jet-set ski. For photo fans, the breathtaking panorama is superb. We continue on our way to the historic, fortified town **Feldkirch, Austria**. To crown the day, join us for dinner (optional) in the Knight's Passage of medieval **Schattenburg Castle**, including a guided tour of the famous castle before we depart for home.

3rd Day: Early morning arrival in Schweinfurt.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES: Transportation by deluxe motor coach with WC, air condition, reclining seats, refrigerator, sightseeing as described, tour guide.

SUPPLEMENTARY COSTS: Boat ride on Lake Lucerne, appr. Sfr 19,-p.p.; Schattenburg Castle and dinner, appr. € 20,-; personal expenses; tips.

CHILDREN'S PRICE: Children 3 through 12 pay US\$ 5 less than adult price. Children under 3 travel free but no seat guaranteed.

DOCUMENTS: Valid US passport.

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London

1 overnight
3rd-5th
September
2004

US\$ 249

London is a rich treasure-house of the British nation's heritage - and it's there for you to see and enjoy. Take a pick from an abundance of historical buildings, all of them fine examples of architecture spanning many centuries. Ancient churches, museums, galleries, concert halls and theatres, all these await your attention, as well as splendid shops, parks and gardens; and a rich and full selection of entertainments, pubs and eating-out places.

ITINERARY (subject to change)

- 1st Day: Departure from Schweinfurt, Ledward Barracks at 6 p.m. and Würzburg, Leighton Barracks, 6:45 p.m. After a stop for dinner along the Autobahn, we travel to Calais, France.
- 2nd Day: Here we board our ship in the early morning and cross the English Channel. Breakfast (not included) on board before we land in Dover. From there we travel to LONDON for a sightseeing tour featuring the London Wall of times, the Tower of William the Conqueror, the Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace (Changing of Guards, when available). In the afternoon we check in at our 3-star Hotel downtown hotel. Afternoon free for own activities or time to relax. In the evening we suggest a nice dinner near Covent Garden and afterwards join one of the musicals. Your tour guide will assist you in arranging Tickets.
- 3rd Day: After breakfast (included) in our hotel, early morning departure to Dover to board our ferry. After the crossing of the English Channel we continue our travel back to Germany. Dinner en route. Late-night arrival in Würzburg and Schweinfurt.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES: Transportation by deluxe motor coach with WC, air condition, reclining seats, refrigerator, VCR (if available), ferry roundtrip with P+O, 1 overnight in a 3 star downtown hotel, incl. continental breakfast, all rooms with private facilities, sightseeing as described (except entrance fees), tour guide.

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: \$60 per night in the hotel. Persons booked on share basis must pay single supplement if no share is available. Share basis means double or triple occupancy.

SUPPLEMENTARY COSTS: entrance fees, personal expenses, ticket for musical (appr. 20-50 L) , tips.

CHILDREN`S PRICE: Children 3 through 12 pay US\$ 10 less than adult price. Children under 3 travel free but no seat guaranteed, additional bed or crib must be paid to hotel.

CANCELLATION CHARGES: more than 14 days prior departure US\$ 30 per person, within 14 days prior departure 40% of tour price will be charged. NO REFUND FOR NOSHOWS !

TRAVEL INSURANCES: i.e. € 14,-- (covers cancellation fees, luggage, etc.) per person (€ 28,-- for families)

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AUGUST 2004

Palm Beach WaterPark, Aug 1

Departs: Ledward at 9 a.m.

Returns: Approx: 4 p.m.

Cost: \$15 everyone

Transportation: USO Van/ **limit 7 people**

Bring euros for lunch and entrance fee

3-Country Express, Aug 6-8

Departs: Ledward at 9 p.m.

Returns: Early morning

Cost: \$95 adults, \$90 children

Transportation: German bus/ **limit 49 people**

Visit Switzerland, Lichtenstein and Austria all in one day! Come by the USO for a detailed itinerary.

Tripsdrill, Aug 8

Departs: Ledward at 8 a.m.

Returns: Approx.: 8 p.m.

Cost: \$20 adults, \$15 children

Transportation: USO Van/ **limit 7 people**

Join us for a day of fun! Admission (not included) is €15 for everyone ages 4 and up and includes entrance to both the amusement park and wild animal park. Tickets are available at the USO.

Neuschwanstein Castle, Aug 14

Departs: Ledward at 6 a.m.

Returns: Approx. 8 p.m.

Cost: \$25 adults, \$20 children

Transportation: USO Van/ **limit 7 people**

Come see two of King Ludwig's castles. Bring euros for entrance fees and lunch

Wildpark Bad Mergentheim, Aug 15

Departs: Ledward at 9 a.m.

Returns: Approx.: 6 p.m.

Cost: \$15 everyone

Transportation: USO Van/ **limit 7 people**

Spend the day at the Wildtierpark and experience the animals close up. Bring euros for entrance fee and lunch. Admission: €7,50 for adults, €4,50 for children 3-14.

Black Forest, Aug 21

Departs: Ledward 6:30 a.m.

Returns: Approx. 8 p.m.

Cost: \$25 adults, \$20 children

Transportation: USO Van/ **limit 7 people**

We will visit the world's biggest Cuckoo Clock, Germany's highest waterfall, and lots of clock shops. Bring euros for lunch and don't forget your VAT form.

Legoland Germany, Aug 22

Departs: Ledward at 8 a.m.

Returns: Approx.: 8 p.m.

Cost: \$20 adults, \$15 children

Transportation: USO Van/ **limit 7 people**

Join us for a day of fun. Admission not included, but discount tickets are available from the USO. €19 for ages 3-11 and €22 for ages 12 and up.

Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Aug 28

Departs: Ledward at 1 p.m.

Returns: Approx.: 11 p.m.

Cost: \$15 everyone

Transportation: USO Van/ **limit 7 people**

Come with us to see Germany's most visited city and experience a tour with the night watchman (4 euros). Tour departs the Marktplatz near the Rathaus at 8 p.m. Bring euros for dinner and entrance fees.

Nuernberg Zoo, Aug 29

Departs: Ledward at 9 a.m.

Returns: Approx.: 5 p.m.

Cost: \$15 everyone

Transportation: USO Van/ **limit 7 people**

Spend the day in one of Germany's largest zoos. Bring euros for lunch and entrance.

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SEPTEMBER 2004

London, 1 overnight, 3-5 Sept

Departs: Ledward at 6 p.m., Leighton at 6:45 p.m.
Returns: Late night
Cost: \$249 adults, \$239 children
Transportation: German bus/**limit 49 people**
You'll cross the English Channel and take a sightseeing tour of the city. Enjoy free time in the afternoon to explore. Come by the USO for a detailed itinerary.

Buchenwald Concentration Camp, Sept 11

Departs: Ledward at 7 a.m.
Returns: Approx. 7 p.m.
Cost: \$20 adults, \$15 children
Transportation: USO Van/**limit 7 people**
Come with us to see Germany's largest concentration camp. Bring euros for lunch.

Coburg Fortress, Sept 12

Departs: Ledward at 9 a.m.
Returns: Approx. 6 p.m.
Cost: \$15 everyone
Transportation: USO Van/**limit 7 people**
The Veste is Germany's largest fortress. Bring euros for entrance fees and lunch.

Neuschwanstein Castle, Sept 18

Departs: Ledward at 6 a.m.
Returns: Approx. 8 p.m.
Cost: \$25 adults, \$20 children
Transportation: USO Van/**limit 7 people**
Come see two of King Ludwig's castles. Bring euros for entrance fees and lunch.

Legoland Germany, Sept 19

Departs: Ledward at 8 a.m.
Returns: Approx.: 8 p.m.
Cost: \$20 adults, \$15 children
Transportation: USO Van/**limit 7 people**
Join us for a day of fun. Admission not included, but discount tickets are available from the USO. €19 for ages 3-11, €22 for ages 12 and up.

Neustadt Crystal Shopping, Sept 25

Departs: Ledward at 7 a.m.
Returns: Approx. 6 p.m.
Cost: \$20 adults, \$15 children
Transportation: USO Van/**limit 7 people**
Join us for a day of crystal shopping. Bring your VAT form and shop til you drop.

Nuernberg Zoo, Sept 26

Departs: Ledward at 9 a.m.
Returns: Approx.: 5 p.m.
Cost: \$15 everyone
Transportation: USO Van/**limit 7 people**
Spend the day in one of Germany's largest zoos. Bring euros for lunch and entrance.

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August 2004 MWR Events for the 280th BSB MWR is committed to providing our community with programming that fits YOUR needs. Please make sure to pick up the latest copy of our community magazine, the "Out & About". You can always find a free copy in your Conn or Ledward CMR, at ACS, in the fitness centers and various other locations around post. If you have questions about any of our programs, please call the contact numbers listed below. Enjoy your summer!

Special Events

Bldg. 206, 3rd Floor
09721-966715 or DSN 354-6715

Outdoor BBQ and Street Fest

August 6, 5-10 p.m.

Ledward Barracks, in front of Eddie's Family Restaurant Come out to Ledward and enjoy live rock music by Mike Lembke Jr. and band!

MWR contractors will provide food and beverage BBQ items all night, and drawings will be held for prizes!

National Night Out

August 14, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Kessler Field

"Partnering Together for a Strong Community in Schweinfurt"

The National Night Out, presented by the Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program (SNAP) invites you to "Give neighborhood crime and drugs a going-away party." This year's event will be held at Kessler Field, and will feature informational booths (ACS, American Red Cross, ASAP, VFW, American Legion, U.S Army, Club Beyond, Chapel, EDIS, MP Customs, WIC, ACAP, MWR, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, SCSC), face painting & kids games, appearances by Darren and Mcgruff, a 280th HHD Dunking Booth, animal balloons, Ident-A-Kid, a Tae Kwon Do demonstration, bike registration, USO, PTA, MP working dogs, Culligan Water and Sparky from the Fire Department. Contact Clarissa at 354-6704/6766 for more information.

National Night Out Beach Volleyball Tournament August 14, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Kessler Field

Get your FRG or Rear Detachment Company team together for a great tournament. Each team must have 4-6 players. Contact Clarissa or Jessica at 354-6704/6766 to register your team.

Schweinfurt Community Spouses Club Fall Bazaar Friday, September 3, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday, September 4, 11a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday, September 5, 11a.m.-5p.m.

Finney Fitness Center, Conn Barracks

Are you looking for unique European merchandise, but don't have the time to travel all over Europe to buy it? We have everything you need right here in our own backyard. The Schweinfurt Community Spouses' Club presents its annual Fall Harvest Bazaar. Browse more than 50 vendors that feature items including furniture, pottery, wine, rugs, clocks, art, jewelry, toys, ornaments and much, much more. Enjoy a stroller-friendly shopping environment and when it's time to eat, swing by the food court for a wide selection of food and beverages. Purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win fabulous prizes from vendors and local merchants. Drawings will be held during the day on Sunday. Winners need not be present. Customers have the convenience of paying for their tax-free purchases with cash, checks or credit card.

The Bazaar is open to all US ID cardholders. For further information, please contact us at schweinfurtbazaar@hotmail.com <<mailto:schweinfurtbazaar@hotmail.com>>.

CYS-Child & Youth Services

Parents Night Out Respite Care

August 20, 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. CYS is giving you the Night Off! Don't miss this opportunity to give yourself a break, take in a movie or go on a date with your spouse. Children will be cared for FREE OF CHARGE by the CYS CLEOS program. Open to all families registered with CYS with children 6 weeks to 10 years. Reservations will be taken until August 13th, please call 354-6414. ENJOY YOURSELF and take a break.

CYS Employee/FCC Provider Family Bowling We would like to thank you for your help with a weekly discounted bowling night. Thursday nights at Kessler Bowling from 7-9 p.m., bowling is \$4.50 for adults & \$3.50 for kids under 13. Shoes are free for everyone signed up in the program. Please call the Middle School Zone for information at DSN 354-6308 for information.

FRG Childcare

Need childcare during your FRG meeting on August 11th? The CYS CLEOS is providing respite care free of charge at the CDC from 6:30-9 p.m. Call 354-6414 for more information.

School Age Services

Bldg. 575 in Askren Manor, 354-6974
Mon- Fri, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; CAMP ADVENTURE HOURS, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Serving children/youth from 1st - 5th grade
5 free hours available of SAS after school care for SAS patrons for grades 1-5 on a space available basis.

National Kids Day BBQ/Picnic

August 1, 1-3 p.m.
School Age Services, Bldg. 575
SAS families are invited to join SAS in celebrating National Kids Day at a BBQ picnic.

SAS Camp Adventure is HERE

Check the weekly schedule for field trips. Trips will leave on time. Do not be late for departure; there are no alternative programs for children who miss a trip. All children should come each day ready to participate in the day's activities. Check the daily schedule to ensure that your children have the appropriate clothing for the day (swimsuit, towel, raincoat, hiking shoes, etc.)

What is provided by CYS at Camp Adventure?

- For weekly and monthly users:
 - Transportation, All Entrance Fees, All Supplies, Meals and Snacks, Fun and Interesting Activities
 - & a professional staff
- Daily users must pay entry fees for field trips.

In addition to our usual jam-packed adventure filled summer activities, this year we will also feature a variety of clubs that children may choose to join.

Youth Sports & Fitness

Ledward Gym, 09721-96-6822 or DSN 354-6822

National Kids Day "You Got Served" Basketball Tournament August 1 SAS and Schweinfurt Elementary Basketball Courts Calling all basketball players ages 11-18! Join YS Sports for a 5-on-5 basketball tournament to celebrate National Kids Day. Each team must have a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 7 participants. Registration is \$5 per player, and players must register by calling or stopping by the Middle School Zone or Teen Center. Registration the day of the event will be \$10 per player.

Teams may be co-ed, and the competition will be divided into a Middle School and High School bracket. The event will also feature a DJ during the finals games and a performance by the "You Got Served" half-time dance team.

Contact Samad AliNur at 09721-87465 or DSN 354-6308 or Amanda Harris at 09721-966732 or DSN 354-6732 for more information.

Soccer, Flag Football and Cheerleading Registration CYS Central Registration Bldg. 224, Ledward Barracks, The Commons DSN 354-6571 cys280schweinfurt@cmtymail.98asg.army.mil Register throughout the month of August from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday for the upcoming soccer, flag football and cheerleading seasons.

There are several age divisions, and the cost is \$15 for ages 4-5, and \$20 for ages 6-18.

Participants must have a current CYS registration and a current sports physical. Anyone wishing to coach must register at Ledward Gym Tuesday - Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. prior to registering their child for the sport. Call or email CYS for more details.

The age divisions are:

4-5 years, Bambino Soccer (Developmental)

6-7 years, Peewee Soccer

8-9 years, Minor Soccer

10-12 years, Bantam Soccer (Co-Ed)

13-15 years, Junior Soccer (Co-Ed)

16-18 years, Senior Soccer (Co-Ed)

10-12 years, Bantam Flag Football

10-12 years, Bantam Cheerleading

National Health and Fitness Challenge

August 4, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Ledward Gym

National Health and Fitness is a program to fight the ever-growing number of children who are becoming overweight. This free program is designed to show youths ages 8-12 the positive aspects of working out and how working out can be fun. With events like pushups, sit-ups, and stretching exercises the fitness level of the youth is tested and assessed. So come out and see what we are all about. Please call Youth Sports for more information.

Summer Basketball Tournament

August 7, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Ledward Gym

This tournament is for all interested teens ages 13-18 who want to come out and show their skill. The tournament will consist of 4 player teams playing a round of double elimination ball. This tournament is free of cost. Please sign up your team today. Sign ups for teams who wish to participate in the tournament will close August 5th. Outside teams may submit roster via email or Fax. Call 354-6822 or Fax 09721-805097

Basketball Clinic

August 10-13, 4-6 p.m.

Ledward Gym

This free clinic is for all youths ages 8-12 who are interested in the game of basketball. We will be doing basic drills and skills. This is a great tool to prepare for the upcoming basketball season. So come by and show what you got or learn a little something. Registration will be held the day of the event. Please call Youth Sports for more information.

WCAP Track and Field Clinics

August 13

Kessler Field

This is a free professional track and field clinic for youths ages 5-18 years. Session One is from 10:30 a.m.-Noon for ages 5-8, with an autograph session at 11:30 a.m. Session Two is from 1:30-

3 p.m. for ages 9-18, with an autograph session at 3 p.m. Registration is the day of the event at 10 a.m.
for Session One and 1 p.m. for Session Two.

Tennis Clinic

August 17-20, 4-6 p.m.

Kessler Fitness Center Tennis courts

This free clinic is for all youths ages 8-12 who are interested in the game of tennis. We will be conducting basic drills and learning basic skills.

This is a great tool to prepare for a future in tennis. So come by and show what you got or learn a little something. Registration will be held the day of the event. Please call Youth Sports for more information.

TEEN Presidents Fitness Challenge

August 24, 6-7 p.m.

Ledward Gym

The President's Challenge is a program that encourages all Americans to make being active part of their everyday lives. No matter what your activity and fitness level, the President's Challenge can help motivate you to improve.

This is a free event open to teens ages 13-18.

NYSCA Coaches & Officials Certification Clinic August 26, 4-7 p.m.

Ledward Gym

This clinic is mandatory for all individuals who want to coach a youth soccer team. The clinic will serve as a certification to be a Child and Youth Services sports coach. All necessary paper work and training will be provided on this day. So come by, learn a few things, and become a coach or official for the Schweinfurt Team.

Volunteer Coaches are Needed

The Schweinfurt CYS Youth Sports program relies heavily on volunteers to coach youth sport teams. Interested adults are needed to help lead and coach the community's youth. Many youth programs would not be possible without the help of individuals like YOU. Volunteers are not required to have an extensive knowledge of the sport. However, you must have the desire and enthusiasm to work with youth three to four hours a week. Training sessions and resources are provided for each sport including discussions on skills, strategies and policies. Any adult interested in helping should call 354-6822 or 09721-96-6822.

Sport Officials are Needed

The Schweinfurt CYS Youth Sports Program provides an excellent training ground for individuals interested in officiating sports. All officials should be 16 years of age or older. Certified officials are encouraged to apply to assist in maintaining a high-quality program, and to help train less experience officials. The pay rate varies with the age of competition and sport. Applications are available at the Schweinfurt Youth Sports Office, Bldg. 241, Ledward Gym. Any person interested in officiating, scoring, timing, please call 354-6822.

Sign up is the day of the event at the location unless otherwise noted. All participants must have a current physical on file. Call Ledward gym with any questions at 354-6822.

The Middle School Zone (YS)

Bldg. 574 in Askren Manor, 354-6308 or Civ 09721-87465 MSZ Hours: Mon-Fri 2-8pm, and every last Saturday of the month from 4-8pm Closed Saturday, Sunday and Federal Holidays

MSZ activities are open to registered 6 - 8th graders. Events will take place at the Middle School Zone, unless otherwise noted. This year Summer Camp is focused around the "Character Counts" Initiative and we have a lot of great educational, recreational and life skills activities

planned. It's never too late to sign up for Summer Camp programs so be sure to stop by the Zone and see what we have to offer. Your kids will have a blast!

Summer time is in full bloom and we will take advantage of every moment. Parents, be sure to take the opportunity to look into the Parent Advisory Board and come volunteer your time. We want to start our fundraising program so that our youth can take pride in investing in themselves and take ownership over their program. It starts with you so please come check us out!

MSZ CLUBS- During the summer, clubs are responsible for Summer Camp weeks.

Passport to Manhood 16 - 20 August 04.

4-H Club 2-6 August 04

Ultimate Journey 9-13 August 04.

8th Grade Class 23-27 August 04.

MSZ SPECIAL SUMMER TRIPS & EVENTS

Holiday Park, Hassloch, August 3

Palm Beach Swim Park, August 5

Pottenstein Caves, August 10

Sensheim Museum, August 11

Atlantis Swim Park, August 12

Wasser Kuppe Bobsledding, August 17

Nautiland Swim Park, August 19

Nike Outlet (Nurnburg), August 24

Gieselwind Amusement Park, August 25

Geomaris Swim Park, August 26

* Events are part of Summer Camp, but you can always call or come in to check for open spots on these trips. If you don't sign up for camp by that week then you must pay a one day trip drop-in fee of \$10 plus you must pay your own admission cost into the event. Lunch however will be included in the fee.

Teen Center (YS)

Bldg. 241 in Ledward Gym, 09721-966732 or DSN 354-6732 Summer Hours: Tuesday-Thurs 11:00am-8:00pm, Fri & Sat 1:00pm-10:00pm Closed Sunday, Monday & Federal Holidays

All activities are opened to registered Teen Center Members and will take place at the Teen Center unless otherwise specified. The Teen Center is offering many fun and exciting trip opportunities. To participate, please come by the Teen Center and grab a Summer Trips Packet. All the information needed to join in on the fun must be signed and turned in 7 days prior to departure.

The Teen Center Trips in August:
Cineworld

August 14, 7 p.m. Let's go to the movies... Check out a hot new release at one of the best theatres in the area. The cost is only \$2 each plus EUR15-20 for movie admission and dinner.

Six Flags Belgium

August 7, 5:30 a.m. For all those who crave excitement or just want to watch; we will be going to Six Flags. The cost is \$25.00 plus EUR23,50 for entrance.

Hassfurt Swimbad

August 18 & 25, 11:00 a.m. Today is purely for relaxation... Kick back and enjoy the sun or play in the variety of pools. The cost is only \$2.00 plus EUR8,00 for entrance.

Shopping Trip

August 28, 9 a.m. It's time to shop 'til you drop... Spend all your hard earned Summer Hire \$ and go back to school in style. The location will be announced. The cost is \$6.00 plus EUR spending money.

Special Events for August:

Pizza & Bowling & Batting

August 13, 7:00 p.m. Don't sit at home and be bored when you can socialize with your friends and brush up on your bowling skills. Come with us when we go up the road to Kessler Bowling Center for great fun, and everyone's favorite, Pizza! The cost is only \$6.00 each.

Guys vs. Girls Softball

August 21, 4 p.m. Girls Rule and Guys Drool... or is it the other way around. Which ever way... Come and earn your bragging rights in the monthly softball game.

King and Queen of the Hill

Every Friday. Bragging rights are up for grabs again as we battle it out on the court. Come watch your favorite teams hoop it up at the Teen Center's monthly King of the Hill Tournament!

Summer Jam Block Party

August 27, 4 p.m. It's been a great summer, let's bid it farewell with all our friends, music and great food. We will welcome all incoming Freshman, officially!

Focus on Fitness

Monday - Thursday at 5:30, the Teen Center in partnership with Finney Fitness Center will be offering specialized Teen Classes in Spinning and Conditioning.

The Teen Center Clubs in August:

Band of Brothers- Guys Only!

Career Launch

Photo Club

Keystone Club

Club Tech

Smart Girls Club AKA: "Luna Chicks"-Girls Only!

Expressions

Come by the Teen Center and become a member of one of our great clubs. They are a great way to make friends, get involved, help your community and earn lots of volunteer hours. Participation always looks great on scholarship applications!

The Teen Center Bi- Weekly Activities:

Major Minors

Community Spirit

Fitness Authority

Gourmet Grub

Challenges

The Teen Center Daily Activities:

Computer Lab

Power Hour/Goals for Graduation

Open Recreation

Fine Arts

Music Production

Library

Much, much, more!

CRD-Community Recreation Division

Community Recreation Division Office

Bldg. 206, Rm. 402, Ledward Barracks, 354-6216

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8am - 5pm

AUTO SKILLS CENTER

Conn Barracks, Bldg. 49, 353-8224 or 09721-968224

Hours: Wed-Friday, 10am-6pm; Saturday & Sunday 9am-5pm; Training Holidays, 10am-6pm

POV Pre-Shipment and Detailing Special

Whether you are preparing to ship your vehicle back to the US, or just want to make it look shiny and new again, the Auto Skills Center has the detailing package for you! For only \$25 you get a high-pressure steam bay with lift, high-powered vacuum cleaner, and a program #4 car wash. (Other car wash programs are available at an additional charge). No appointment necessary.

Towing Service

The Conn Strip Lot offers towing services at competitive prices. Towing within Schweinfurt is a flat rate of \$40. Towing from other areas or to other destinations is \$30 plus \$2 per kilometer. Call 09721-83856 for an appointment or stop by for more information.

Repair Parts

Do you need repairs or parts for your vehicle? Visit the Conn Strip Lot first. They stock a wide variety of American, German, French, Japanese and Italian auto parts. The competent staff is always available for assistance, and will remove small parts from your auto for a small fee.

FINNEY SPORTS & LEISURE CENTER

Conn Barracks, Bldg. 64, Upstairs, 353-8476/8707

Hours: Mon-Fri 4pm-8pm, Sat & Sun 2pm-6pm

Are you a Massage Therapist?

The Finney Sports & Leisure Center is looking for a licensed massage therapist. Please contact Silvia Joiner at 09721-966270 or DSN 354-6270 contract information.

TaeKwon-Do Classes

Finney Sports & Leisure Center offers classes for men, women and children six years of age and older. The classes are taught by George Kampitsas, an internationally qualified martial arts instructor. The cost is \$40 per month per person and classes are held every Monday and Wednesday from 5-6:30 p.m. for children and 7-8:30pm for adults. If you have two or more students from

the same family then the second student pays only \$35. To sign up for classes, please contact Silvia Joiner, 354-6270.

Family Friendly FUN Trips

Nuernburg Zoo

August 5th. This trip will return to Schweinfurt around 5 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Summerslide and Devil's Cave, Pottenstein

August 10th. This trip will return to Schweinfurt around 5 p.m.

All trips leave from the Volksfestplatz across from Askren Manor at 8:30 a.m. and return to Schweinfurt by 2 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Please call 09721-966270/966216 or DSN 354-6270/6216 to reserve a seat, or for additional information.

Movies Movies Movies

Every Thursday and Friday night at 6 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. at the Finney Recreation Center, Bldg. 64, Conn Barracks. Stop by at the Sports & Leisure Center and pick up your copy of the movie schedule or call Silvia Joiner at DSN 354-6270.

August 5th, Love Actually, Comedy, R

August 6th, The Last Samurai, Drama, R

August 8th, Shrek, Family, PG

August 12th, Something's Gotta Give, Comedy, PG-13

August 13th, The Fighting Temptations, Drama, PG-13

August 15th, Shrek 3-D, Family, N/R

August 19th, Once Upon a Time in Mexico Action, R

August 20th, Beyond Borders, Drama, R

August 22nd, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, Family, PG

August 26th, The Italian Job, Action, PG-13

August 27th, Mystic River, Action, R

August 29th, Hamilton Mattress, Children's, N/R

CRAFTS STUDIO

Bldg. 203, Ledward Barracks, 09721-966903 or DSN 354-6903

Hours: Wed & Thurs, 1-9pm; Fri & Sat 10am-6pm, Closed Sun-Tues and US Holidays

Scrapbooking with Charity

Join the scrapers each Friday for a different technique. Class is from 1-3 p.m. at a cost of \$5 per person.

Lace Making with David

Work at your own pace in this class to learn about the very special European craft of lace making.

Materials are available at the Studio. \$35 for 6 weeks on Thursdays from 6-8 p.m.

Hand Weaving & Hand Spinning

Enjoy the old world craft of weaving on the loom and spinning with the spinning wheel.

The Crafts Studio has all the equipment and supplies for the novice to the experienced.

Call and arrange a class with David. Cost is \$35 plus materials for the six

week class.

Radio Control Car Track at the Crafts Studio

We are looking for a track master. If you are interested call David or Betty at the Crafts Studio.

August Fieldtrip

The Crafts Studio fieldtrip for August 8 & 15 will be to the Klein-Sassen Arts & Crafts Festival. We will depart the Crafts Studio at 8 a.m. and return around 6 p.m. As always a stop at a flea market on the way is planned. Bring Euros for everything. Sign up at the Crafts Studio.

Basic sewing with Jennifer

This class is for the novice. Class is every Friday in August. Class time and project is open ended. Call 354-6903 to set up your class.

WOOD 'N' FRAME SHOP

Bldg. 242, Ledward Barracks, 09721-966304 or DSN 354-6304

Hours: Tues-Fri, 2-8:45pm; Sat & Sun, 10am-4:45pm, Closed Mon, 1st & 3rd Tues, 2nd & 4th Sun, and German Holidays

Matting & Framing with Achim at the Wood 'N' Frame

Class will meet from Noon - 3 p.m. on August 14 & 28. Cost is \$10 plus materials, reserve early as class space is limited.

Wood Shop Orientation

Every Saturday in August. This is a required class if you plan to use any of the woodworking power tools. Class begins at 10 a.m. at the Wood 'N' Frame.

Wood Veneer Chessboard Making

Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Call Achim for more information and to sign up.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Bldg. 50, Conn Barracks, 09721-96-8080 or DSN 353-8080

Hours: Tues-Fri 10am-5:30pm, Sat 10am-4pm

Hut Hopping and Camping in Garmisch

September 3-6th joining AFRC for two nights of camping and one night in a hut. Cost and times are TBD, call for more information.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

Abrams Entertainment Center, 09721-966474 or DSN 354-6474

Hours: M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Summer Shout-Out Events

The 280th BSB will be hosting the following special events and appearances as part of the MWR Europe Summer Shout-Out campaign:

Wednesday, August 4, NBA Star Muggsy Bogues of the Charlotte Hornets

Saturday, August 14, Track and Field Clinic

Thursday, August 19, Miss Teen USA and Miss USA

Thursday, August 19, Tae Kwon Do Clinic

LEDWARD LIBRARY

Bldg. 242, Ledward Barracks, 09721-961740 or DSN 354-1740
Hours: Mon-Thurs, 11:30am-8 pm; Sat, Sun & Holidays, 10am-6pm; Closed Fridays

Meeting and Study Rooms

Studying for advancement? For an exam? Just need a quiet place to unwind? To hold a meeting? Come on up to the 2nd floor! Study rooms are equipped with Internet accessible computers and VCR/DVD players and will accommodate individuals or small groups. Or for larger groups of 10-12, reserve the conference room with Internet access and a large-screen plasma TV. Call us at 354-1740 to reserve your room today!

SPORTS & FITNESS

Bldg 451 outside Ledward Barracks, 354-6735 or 09721-976735
Hours: Mon to Fri 6 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
Closed Sunday, American Holiday Hours 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Kessler Center has a variety of cardiovascular machines and a complete free weight room. Kessler also has 3 state-of-the-art racquetball courts, one walleyball court, basketball court, volleyball courts, sauna and a friendly staff eager to serve.

Now Serving up Walleyball
Every day from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Finney Fitness Center

Conn Barracks, Bldg. 64, 353-8234
Hours: Mon-Fri 6 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat & Sun 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
American Holidays 11 a.m.- 7 p.m.
Finney Fitness Center offers a wide array of cardiovascular equipment, free weights and weight machines. Finney also has two racquetball courts, a basketball court and a climbing wall.

Family Member Fitness Program

NO MORE EXCUSES! The family member fitness program can help you get some time in at the gym. SAS (temporary change from the CDC) is offering FREE CHILDCARE for those who participate from 9-11 a.m. on Tuesdays & 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Stop by the gym for details or call the CDC at DSN 354- 6281.

Classes at Finney Fitness

Spinning Class M, W & Friday from 6:45-7:30 a.m. 9-9:45 a.m. & 11-11:45 a.m. and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Weight Training Class M, W & Friday from 9-10 a.m.
Personal Training Advisor Available to you upon request.
Aerobics Classes New Hi & Lo Impact aerobics classes, Tuesday & Thursday from 9-10 a.m. & again from 6-7 p.m. Great new instructor! Come check us out!!

COD-Community Operations Division

Community Operations Office
Ledward Barracks, Bldg. 206, Rm. 306
DSN: 354-6715
Hours: Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m., closed for lunch 12 p.m.-1 p.m.

NEW Restaurant!

Eddie's Family Restaurant & Lunch Buffet
NOW OPEN in the Adler Club (old Lil' Skeeter's). Hours are M-F & Sunday.
Delivery available soon.

BOWLING CENTER

FRG & Spouses Bowling League
Thursday Mornings at 10 a.m. and Friday evenings at 7 p.m.

YABA Bowling League
Young American Bowling Association league sign-ups, coming September 18.

Family Dollar Days
August 8 & 22, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., all games \$1.00.

Men's & Ladies Night Bowling
Wed. night special, \$4.95 for men; Thurs \$4.95 for women. Both nights only
\$3.95 for kids 17 and under - bowl all night from 6-11 p.m. (ID card holders
only)

Pro Bowlers Association (PBA) Promotion
Through the month of August, bowl 12 games and earn a bowling pin bank, or
towel. Bowl 25 games, and earn a bowling bag. Earn as many prizes as you
like, while supplies last.

Army Community Service Center

Ledward Barracks, Bldg. 242
DSN: 354-6751/6486
Hours: Mon - Wed & Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

P.I.N.S. Parent and Infant Networking and Support
Dates: Every Tuesday, Time: Noon-1:30 p.m.,
Location: Schweinfurt Health Clinic Conference Room
Receive information on parenting. Get your questions answered about things
like infant growth, development and feeding. Meet other new parents to
exchange ideas and support.

Schweinfurt Newcomer Awareness Program for Spouses (SNAPS)
Dates: 2 through 6 August, Location: Various,
Times: Day 1: 9 a.m.- 2 p.m., Day 2-4: 9 a.m.- 1 p.m., Day 5: 8:30 a.m.- 5
p.m.

A monthly five-day Relocation Readiness Program designed to orient family
members to the Schweinfurt Community. Learn the city bus system, explore the
stores, and see some of Schweinfurt's historic landmarks. Highlights
include: Day 1; briefings from community agencies, Day 2; German Language
and Culture, Day 3; Tour of Schweinfurt outer perimeter, Day 4; Tour of
downtown Schweinfurt, Day 5; Train tour to Bamberg or Würzburg. FREE
CHILDCARE AVAILABLE for the entire week! Children must be registered with
CYS prior to class.

German Language - Level 2 (Sessions 1 to 4)
Dates: Wednesdays 4, 11, 18, 25 August Time: 10 am- 12 pm,
Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11
The second set of German language classes picks up where Level 1 leaves off.
Increase your communication skills and learn more about German language and
culture. Limited space available.

Getting Ready for Back to School

Dates: Wednesday, 4 Aug, Time: 12 pm- 2 pm, Location: ACSC Classroom
Are you ready for routines, bedtime, packing lunches and homework? How about your kids? Make a plan and start preparing now, so that next month you and your children will be ready to start the new school year.

Smooth Move Seminar

Date: Tues 10 July, Time: 9 a.m.- Noon, Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

Let the Smooth Move Seminar help pave your way for an easier transition. Learn the financial benefits, military entitlements, helpful websites, timetable/checklist, employment opportunities, housing, tips for moving day, and much, much more!!! Family members are strongly recommended to attend. This class will help you start planning six months prior to a PCS or ETS move. Limited free childcare is available; children must be registered with CYS.

English as a Second Language

Dates: Every Tuesday & Thursday 10:30 am-12:30 pm,
Every Tuesday & Thursday 5 pm- 7 pm,
Location: Ed. Center, Rm. 38

Whether you are a beginner or advanced student, these FREE classes will improve your English reading, writing, conversation and comprehension skills, no matter what language you speak. Pre-registration is required for evening classes. Come into ACSC for more information or if you have questions about the class.

First Term Personal Financial Readiness

Dates: Every Friday, Time: 9 am- 3:30 pm, Location: ACSC Classroom
Class discusses principles of personal finance including: understanding the military pay system, planning and budgeting, banking & checking accounts, using credit wisely, getting insurance, saving & investing, making large purchases, consumer scams and where to go to get help.

Spouse Survival Skills (Level I of AFTB)

Dates: Tues & Wed, 10 & 11 August, Time: 8:45 a.m. - 2 p.m.,
Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

It does not matter if you're new to Army life, a seasoned "veteran," or somewhere in between. Spouse Survival Skills will be helpful and informative. You'll learn Military Acronyms used throughout the Army and especially in Europe, as well as military customs, the Army rank structure, community resources, problem solving techniques and military compensation. Limited FREE childcare is available with advance registration.

FRG Round Table

Date: Mon 16 August, Time: 6 p.m.- 8 p.m., Location: Yellow Ribbon Room
Develop your Readiness Group leadership skills and have a chance to exchange your ideas and successes with other FRG leaders. Dinner will be served. Stop by to share success stories, questions and concerns. All FRG leaders are welcome. Please RSVP at 354-6751, CIV 09721-96-6751.

Understanding the Adolescent Mind and Body

Date: Tues 24 August, Time: 6 pm- 8 pm,
Location: AFTB Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 13

This workshop is geared towards parents of preteens and teens. Together we will talk about some of the physical changes that occur in your teens'

bodies, with some suggestions about how to talk to your teen about his/her body. The workshop will also explore the emotional changes during adolescence and discuss some communication techniques.

Employment Readiness

Dates: Every Day, Time: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 1-4 p.m., Location: The Commons
Look through the job listings. Build your resume on RESUMIX and search the web for jobs with four computers reserved exclusively for job hunting.

Resume' Writing Workshop

Date: Thurs 12 Aug, Time: 10 am- 12 pm,
Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

Never written a résumé? Need tips on how to get started? In this seminar you'll gather the skills you need to write a great and professional résumé!

RESUMIX Workshop

Date: Weds 4 & 18 August, Time: 2 pm- 4 pm,
Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

Even if you're brand new to job-hunting in the Army, you've probably heard the term RESUMIX. What is it? How do you create one? Where do you send it? Getting into the Army's employment system depends on getting the answers to these questions, and this class is where you'll find them.

Where Can I Find a Job in Schweinfurt?

Date: Thursday 5 August, Time: 1 pm- 2 pm,
Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

Having trouble finding a job in Schweinfurt? This workshop will show you all the best places to look and how to make sure you are doing everything you can to find employment. We can help you find a JOB!

Interview Workshop

Date: Tues 17 Aug, Time: 2 pm- 4 pm, Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

Does the idea of going on a job interview give you sweaty palms and make your mouth go dry? Learn the tricks of the trade! Attend an ACSC job interview seminar.

Checkbook Management

Date: Thurs 5 Aug, Time: 9 am- 11 am, Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

This workshop will cover checkbook management skills, record keeping, the consequences of not properly managing a bank account, budget development and banking/credit union products and services.

Budgeting

Date: Mon 23 Aug, Time: 9 am- 11 am, Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

This class covers the basics of financial readiness including principles of personal finances, planning and budgeting, banking and checking accounts, using credit wisely, insurance, saving and investing. The objective of this workshop is to provide a general overview of personal finances and financial management.

Savings and Investments

Date: Thurs 24 August, Time: 9 am- 11 am,
Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

Start investing now by finding the spare money through budgeting techniques. This class is an introduction to basic investing, including mutual funds, Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), stocks, bond, etc.

Smart Buying

Date: Wed 25 Aug, Time: 9 am- 10 am, Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

The class will give you methods of thrifty spending and ways to purchase things at lower prices. It will also give you a better understanding of your rights as a consumer. Learn how to make your money go farther.

Car Buying

Date: Tues 17 Aug 10 am- 11 am, Wed 25 Aug, Time: 10 am- 11 am, Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

Buying a car is a very big step, especially for first time buyers. It's even more involved when you're overseas. This workshop will cover all aspects of buying a car: applying for a car loan, the most commonly used loans, fees associated with loans plus the procedures of sending your car home and the taxes involved.

Personal Finance for Newlyweds

Date: Thurs 12 Aug, Time: 1 pm- 3 pm, Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

Are you a newlywed couple needing to budget and save money? Join us and learn how to establish a budget and plan for a successful financial future. The information provided in this class will help you begin paving the way to a happy financial relationship.

Home Loans

Date: Thurs 19 Aug, Time: 9 am- 11 am, Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

Buying a home is a very big step, especially for first time buyers. This workshop will cover all aspects of buying a home: applying for a home loan, the most commonly used loans -including VA- and their benefits, fees associated with mortgage loans and the procedures of processing your home loan.

Financial Planning for Baby

Date: Wed 11 Aug, Time: 1 pm- 3 pm, Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

You'll be buying a lot more than diapers for that new addition to your family. This class will cover financial preparations for a new baby, including the cost of having a child, budgeting, insurance issues, financial investments for your child/children, and more!

Coupon Connection

Dates: Every Day, Time: 9 am- 4 pm, Location: The Commons

Thousands of categorized coupons!

No exchanges! Big Savings! No commitments!

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS FABULOUS FREE SERVICE!!

Playmorning

Dates: Every Thursday, Time: 10 am- 11:30 am, Location: SAS Gym

Playgroup for families with children from birth through 5 years. Meet other parents, build your child's social skills, play games, and participate in developmental activities and MORE!